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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Jill McFADDEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/097,023

Filing Date: June 12, 1998

For: CATHETER WITH KNIT SECTION

Examiner: M. THOMPSON

Group Art Unit: 3763

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (8 pages).
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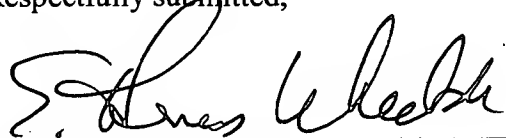
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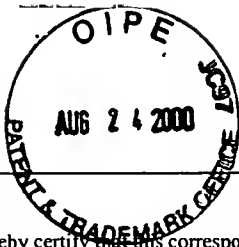
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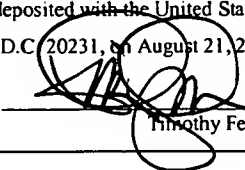
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request that the amendment submitted in response to the Final Office Action be entered and the following amendments be made to the claims. Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims as amended herein.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 17-21, 24, 31 and 44-48 as follows: